

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for August 2006

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Estimates
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Region. Recently eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – August 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette
7	Randolph
9	Blackford
16	Wayne
17	Delaware
24	Henry
45	Union
69	Rush
70	Jay
92	Hamilton (3.1%)



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hgtm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	152,465,000	145,379,000	7,086,000	4.6%	4.9%
Indiana	3,259,700	3,090,700	169,000	5.2%	5.3%
Muncie MSA	53,650	50,300	3,350	6.3%	6.6%
EGR 6	166,201	155,983	10,218	6.1%	6.6%
Blackford County	6,670	6,220	450	6.7%	7.4%
Delaware County	53,650	50,300	3,350	6.3%	6.6%
Fayette County	11,540	10,620	920	7.9%	8.0%
Henry County	22,900	21,530	1,370	6.0%	6.4%
Jay County	12,100	11,580	520	4.3%	5.2%
Randolph County	13,030	12,150	880	6.8%	6.7%
Rush County	9,785	9,355	430	4.4%	4.5%
Union County	4,010	3,795	215	5.3%	5.1%
Wayne County	32,530	30,450	2,080	6.4%	7.2%
Muncie City	29,720	27,720	2,000	6.7%	7.0%
Richmond City	16,870	15,740	1,130	6.7%	7.8%



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT August 2006

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.6%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	6.7%
Ohio	5.4%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Overall, 27 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 37 states, up in 11 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The South and west registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions. The Midwest continued to report the highest jobless rate, 5.1 percent. Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate in August, 2.8 percent. Eight other states had rates below 3.5 percent. Michigan and Mississippi recorded the highest unemployment rates, 7.1 percent each. Alaska and South Carolina had the next highest rates, 6.5 percent each. In August, Arizona and Mississippi posted the largest unemployment rate declines from July. Alaska, New York, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Texas also recorded significant over the month rate decreases. West Virginia registered the only statistically significant over the month jobless rate in increase.

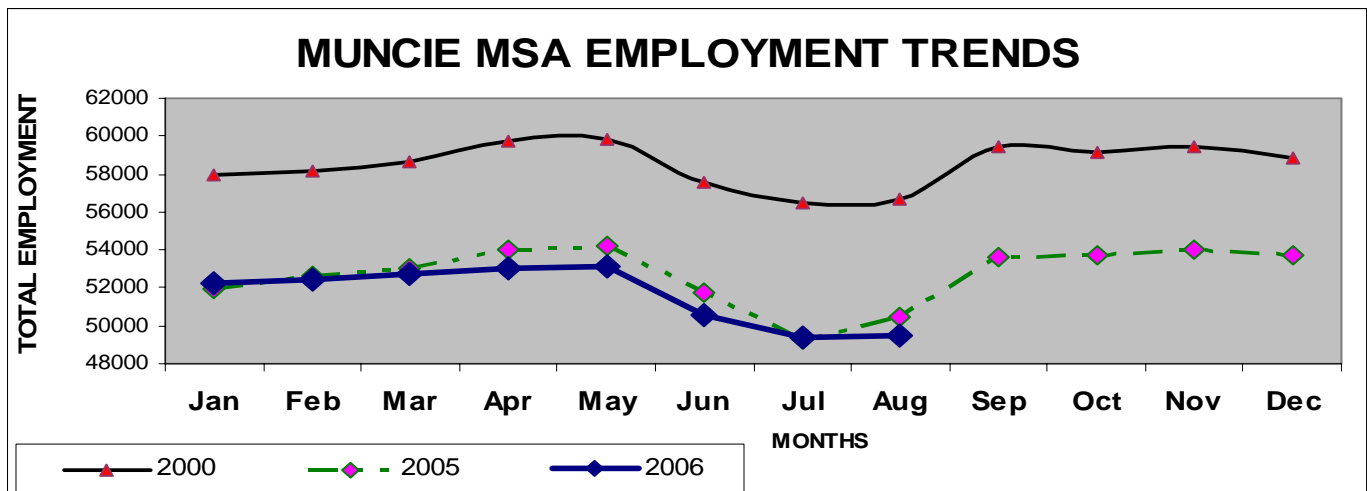
MUNCIE MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	AUGUST 2006	JULY 2006	AUGUST 2005	JULY 2006 TO AUG. 2006		AUG. 2005 TO AUG. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	49,500	49,400	50,500	+100	+0.2%	-1,000	-2.0%
Total Private	39,700	39,900	40,700	-200	-0.5%	-1,000	-2.5%
Goods Producing	8,400	8,500	8,800	-100	-1.2%	-400	-4.5%
Service-Providing	41,100	40,900	41,700	+200	+0.5%	-600	-1.4%
Private Srvc Provide	31,300	31,400	31,900	-100	-0.3%	-600	-1.9%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	6,100	6,200	6,500	-100	-1.6%	-400	-6.2%
Durable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,900	8,900	9,100	+0	+0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+8.3%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,700	+0	+0.0%	-300	-4.5%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	4,000	3,800	4,100	+200	+5.3%	-100	-2.4%
Educational and Health	8,800	9,000	9,000	-200	-2.2%	-200	-2.2%
Health Care and Social	8,600	8,800	8,700	-200	-2.3%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,400	5,400	-100	-1.9%	-100	-1.9%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	9,800	9,500	9,800	+300	+3.2%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	5,700	5,700	5,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.8%
Local Government	3,700	3,400	3,800	+300	+8.8%	-100	-2.6%
Local Govt Education	2,100	1,800	2,100	+300	+16.7%	+0	+0.0%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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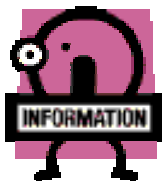


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

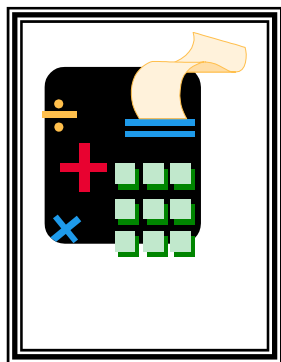
Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	August 2006	July 2006	Previous Month % Change	August 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	8,088	9,329	-13.3%	7,735	4.6%
Auburn	8,455	14,099	-40.0%	8,805	-4.0%
Connersville	2,136	2,229	-4.2%	2,084	2.5%
Fort Wayne	16,400	19,619	-16.4%	15,082	8.7%
Marion	5,770	6,590	-12.4%	5,460	5.7%
Muncie	8,770	11,175	-21.5%	9,335	-6.1%
Richmond	3,130	3,462	-9.6%	3,494	-10.4%
INDIANA	234,908	287,208	-18.2%	246,299	-4.6%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

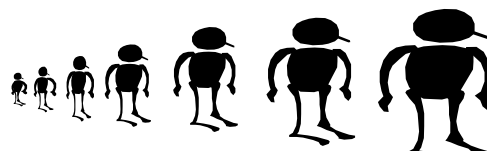
Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date September 24, 2006



POPULATION IN ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8 2000 – 2005

	2000 CENSUS	2005 ESTIMATE
Blackford	14,048	13,849
Delaware	118,769	116,362
Fayette	25,588	24,885
Henry	48,508	47,244
Jay	21,806	21,606
Randolph	27,401	26,684
Rush	18,261	17,823
Union	7,349	7,208
Wayne	71,097	69,192
Indiana	6,080,485	6,271,973

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates for July 1, 2005 and Census 2000



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,731
Production Laborers	3,773
All Other Machine Operators	3,195
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,531
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,429
All Other Hand Workers	2,367
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,768
Cashiers, General	1,675
General Office Clerks	1,574
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,503
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,458
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,448
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,438
Other Hand Material Movers	1,312
Machine Assemblers	1,270
Production Helpers	1,260
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,238
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,234
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,218
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,205

WAGE DEMAND

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Blackford	\$24,781	\$18,720	960
Delaware	\$19,644	\$17,680	3,437
Fayette	\$30,637	\$20,800	1,016
Henry	\$18,674	\$17,160	2,176
Jay	\$19,138	\$17,160	686
Randolph	\$30,581	\$18,720	766
Rush	\$23,268	\$20,800	278
Union	\$24,182	\$20,800	169
Wayne	\$21,188	\$18,720	2,015
EGR 6	\$21,866	\$18,720	11,503
Indiana	\$24,962	\$20,800	149,373

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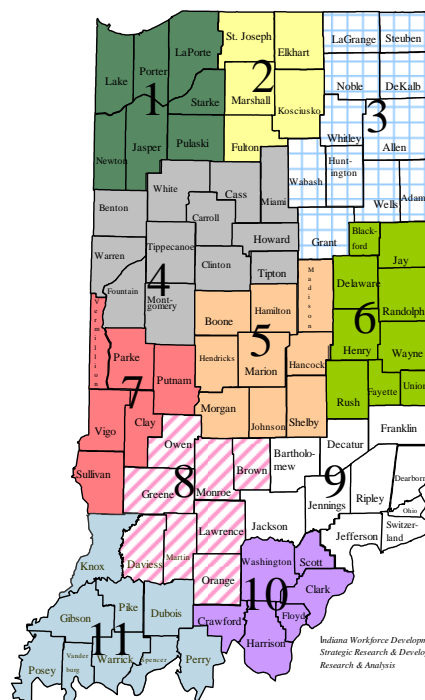
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Indiana Economic Growth Regions



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3				

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8				

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



DWD WEBSITE

<http://www.in.gov/dwd>



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Adams, Allen, Blackford, Dekalb, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Huntington, Jay, LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley Counties.